

**Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, October 25, 1834,
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TO AMOS KENDALL.1

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Washington, October 25, 1834.

My Dear Sir: Mrs. Forest has been twice to see me on the subject of the exchange of her son, now in your bureau as a clerk, and in ill-health, for another who she says is equally competent. The old lady says this aid from her son is indispensable to enable her to take care of her family and particularly an unfortunate daughter, who is unable from ill-health to render her any aid.

I have said to the old lady, that if the change meets your approbation it will meet mine. This I say to you, but as I said to her I can not interfere to impose a clerk on your bureau contrary to your wishes. She further says, if on trial, or on her son misbehaving in the least, she will expect him to be turned out of office. It would be gratifying to me on account of the old lady's situation, and former attachment and friendship to my departed wife, if consistent with your own views of propriety, and the interest of the public, that she might be gratified. . . .